**Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council**

**17th November 2015, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury**

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| **Present** | |  |
|  | I Tipton (Chair), G Davy, J Morton, D Preston | |

**In Attendance**

Rebecca Butcher (Clerk), no members of the public present.

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| 1. | **Welcome and apologies for absence.**  Councillor Tipton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Councillor E Crane sent apologies for not attending. Councillor D Turner apologies sent. |
| 2. | **To accept apologies for absence.** Councillor E Crane apologies for absence accepted. Councillor D Turner apologies for absence were also accepted The Council wished Councillor Turner a speedy recovery and sent her their best wishes. |
| 3. | **Declarations of interest.** |
| 4. | There were no declarations of interest  **Representations from the public.**  There were no members of the public present |
| 5. | **Sewerage/Floding issues**  Mr Pedley, area manager from Severn Trent, has been in touch to inform the Council that a meeting has been carried out with the Highways Department and they have now been given a list of works that Severn Trent feel need to be carried out by Highways to prevent further flooding.  Unfortunately a representative from the Highways Department was not able to attend but will be carrying out a site visit to assess the works that have been recommended for them to carry out. Clerk to contact Highways to request that they call before site visit to allow a member of the council to be present. |
| 6.  7.  8. | **New Bin in recreation field**  As Councillor Crane was not at the meeting this was not able to be discussed further. Councillors decided as we are now in the winter months the matter could wait until the new year when further consideration will be given to the appropriate course of action.  **Reports from Borough and County Councillors-**None present  **Dog Fouling Bin** The Bin has now been ordered but there is a backlog with the council carrying out the installation, they hope this will be done before Christmas but could not guarantee this. Further discussion was had around the most suitable location for the bin to be installed. It was decided the Clerk will contact the Rugby Borough Council and request that when they come to install the bin they meet with a councillor so they can assist in advising the best position for the bin. |
| 9. | **Work needed to be carried out in the play park** – Councillor Preston has met with a handyman Robert Lennon who went through the list of potential works needed to be completed at the playground. He has since sent a quotation for repairing the slide. This will involve around 24 hours labour at £20 per hour and £130 for materials. The councillors agreed to proceed with this quotation and have instructed the clerk to inform Robert Lennon. These works should be carried out before Christmas. |
| 10. | **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes from the last meeting where approved and signed by Councillor Tipton as a true record. They were proposed by Councillor Morton and seconded by Councillor Davy. |
| 11. | **Reports from Councillors** (other than Planning and Highway issues).  Councillor Davy  Reported on the great success of the firework display. Council Davy along with the rest of the Council would like to thank all the firework committee for their very hard work it is greatly appreciated.  The income from the event was £933 after £744 expenses left £188.92 profit which will help to provide a buffer for a less profitable year, to help ensure the continuation of this annual event.  Councillor Morton  Reported on the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 15 people attended. They were shown some very useful crime prevention techniques to be used to help protect your home and property. There will be a report in the next addition of Birdsong. |
| 12. | **Correspondence requiring action** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda).  A request was sent to the Parish Clerk requesting funding for a Christmas trip for local families to a nearby pantomime. The request has been referred to the Birbury Committee to see if they will fund this through the Village Distribution Fund.  **Southam Website-**This has now been linked in with our own website. |
| 13. | **Financial Issues.**  11.1 The following cheques were approved for payment   * D Stevens Webhosting Nov 15-May 15 000640-£45.22 * MFM Grass Cutting October 15 000641 £320 * Birdingbury Village club building insurance 000642-£144.89 * Parish Clerks salary and expenses October 15 000643-£236.88 * Viking firework display safety supplies 000644-£144.86 * Councillor Davy expenses 000645-£24.96   11.2 The Financial statement was circulated |
| 14. | **Planning Issues.**   * R15/1188 – land adjacent to Masters’ Court   No change   * R15/2172-Wren Court replacement of existing windows- Clerk to email no comment to planning department * Potential solar farm.   No news   * R15/1896 –Erection of ménage at Pioneer Farm-this is now going to committee * R15/2274-Honeyvine amendment to roof, councillors discussed the planning application and have instructed the clerk to submit a no comment response to the planning department. * Sand and Gravel Quarry   Bourton Parish Council have formed an action group with support from Frankton and Draycote villages to try and prevent it happening and have started to collect for a fighting fund. For more information visit www.killthequarry.com. They have already raised concerns that the removal of sand, which absorbs and slowly releases rainwater, could lead to flooding in Draycott and the River Leam during heavy periods of rain. There is a strategy document that can be found on Warwickshire County Council website relating to the effects of sand and gravel quarry’s. There will be further public meetings regarding this. |
| 15. | **Highways.**   * **Marton Road Footpath-**therequest forafull repair has been submitted by Ben Hill in the Highways Department to his management. This will be reviewed by them and then they will make a decision as to whether these works can be carried out. * **Sand Bags-**None required * **Grass Verges-**Councillors have carried out an inspection of current verges and potential areas that may require them and have concluded there is sufficient kerbing in place |
| 16. | **Newcomers to the village.** |
| 17. | There are new occupants to No6 Masters court. Councillor Davy is going to carry out a welcome visit.  It also came to the attention of the Council that the welcome booklet given to newcomers needs updating. Councillor Morton is going to initiate these changes. Clerk to see if she has the original copy and to email to Councillor Morton.  **Business considered urgent by the Chair** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda). |
| 18. | **Date of next Parish Council meeting**: Tuesday 19th January 2015 |

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Signed ................................................................ (Chair)

Date ..................................................................